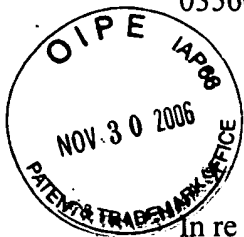


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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 10/813,005

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For: MAGNETIC MATERIAL,
MAGNETIC RECORDING
MEDIUM, MAGNETIC
RECORDING/REPRODUCING
APPARATUS, INFORMATION
PROCESSING APPARATUS,
AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING THE
MAGNETIC MATERIAL

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

(a) Introductory Comments

In response to the written restriction requirement dated October 31, 2006,
please consider the remarks which follow.